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TO AMEMBASSY CAIRO
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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT:OPIUM CULTIVATION IN BEKAA VALLEY LEBANON

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REF: CAIRO 6738 AND PREVIOUS

1. APPRECIATE ANA DIRECTOR FARAG'S OFFER HAVE ONE
OF ANA'S INFORMANTS TAKE DEA AGENT SEE OPIUM PLANTINGS
IN BEKAA VALLEY, LEBANON; HOWEVER, SECURITY SITUATION
STILL EXISTING LEBANON RULES OUT THIS COURSE OF ACTION
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AT THIS TIME.

2. DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS EMBASSY CAIRO, AT ITS DISCRETION,
EXPLORE POSSIBILITY WITH GENERAL FARAG OF FURNISHING
INFORMATION LOCATION (MAP COORDINATES IF POSSIBLE) GROW-
ING AREA TO HIS SYRIAN OPPOSITE NUMBER (AND ALSO DEPARTMENT).
HOPEFULLY SYRIANS WOULD UTILIZE PRESENCE THEIR TROOPS

IN BEKAA VALLEY TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT POPPY CROP, IN CONSULTATION WITH LEBANESE AUTHORITIES WHEN, AND IF, ANA PASSES INFORMATION TO SYRIANS, NCO DAMASCUS SHOULD DISCUSS PROBLEM WITH SYRIANS SOUNDING OUT THEIR WILLINGNESS TAKE ACTION IN THIS MATTER, IN CONSULTATION WITH LEBANESE. DEPARTMENT AWARE (DAMASCUS 1145) SYRIAN RELUCTANCE TAKE ACTION IN BEKAA VALLEY WHICH MIGHT LEAD TO CONFRONTATION WITH LEBANESE. HOWEVER BELIEVE IT WORTH WHILE SOUND THEM OUT AGAIN ON PROSPECTS SYRIAN ACTION.

3. DEPARTMENT PRESENTLY RELUCTANT USE USG AS CONDUIT PASS INFORMATION FROM EGYPTIANS TO SYRIANS AND LEBANESE AS WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE STRENGTHENING OF CONTACTS AMONG AREA'S ANTI-NARCOTICS FORCES. IN CASE GENERAL FARAG UNWILLING PASS INFORMATION DIRECTLY TO SYRIANS BUT WILLING PASS IT TO CAIRO NCO, DEPARTMENT WILL ASK DAMASCUS NCO TO PASS INFORMATION TO SYRIAN AUTHORITIES.
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NOTE BY OC/T: POUCHED BEIRUT.

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